

**Abstract**

A pigment paste free from binders and grinding resins, comprising based on its overall amount

- (A) from 15 to 25% by weight of at least one mica pigment,
- (B) from 0.45 to 0.75% by weight of at least one nonassociative thickener comprising at least one methacrylate copolymer based on C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl (meth)acrylate and (meth)acrylic acid,
- (C) from 0.1 to 0.4% by weight of at least one organic amine,
- (D) from 0.1 to 12% by weight of at least one nonionic surfactant, and
- (E) at least 50% by weight of water;

its use for preparing aqueous coating materials, and processes for the preparation.